

*L*etter from Dr. Turberville of Salisbury containing some considerable Observations in the Practise of Physic.

Sir !

I will now proceed in communicating more of my Observations to you ; at present be pleas'd to accept these which follow.

I had a Gentlewoman my Patient, who was much troubled with the falling Sicknes ; in her Water I saw a great number of short Worms, full of legs, and like *Millepedes* : I gave her two or three purges, first with *Pil : Agaric* : & *Rhubarb* ; but I still perceiv'd, in every Water was brought me, eight, or ten, or more, of the Worms ; they appear'd lively, and full of Motion ; and the fits continued daily : at last I gave Her half an ounce of *Oxymel Helleboratum* in Tanfy Water ; which wrought well and was successfull ; so that she had a compleat cure. I shall leave you to judge of the cause of the Malady.

About six or seven years since, I had a Gentleman (Mr. Oyliff by name,) in cure of his Eye ; which was as big as my fist, black, fleshy, and full of blewish bladders ; this I judgd to be a *Cancer* : after purging, and bleeding, I cut out the ball, and ulcer'd flesh, by many Cuts, which were all insensible to Him, till I came to the Optic Nerve : at the last Cutt He complain'd, and bled a little ; the Wound was heal'd in about a fortnight ; He now wears a black patch over the place.

Not long after this, a young man (my Patient,) had an Eye as big as a Hen's Egg, very fair, without blemish, Rheum, or rednes ; and his sight was pretty tolerable ; I judgd these Symptomes to proceed from thin humors fallen on the Eye, and Extending its Coats :

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I cured this distemper by applying drying Medicines to the head, and Eyes, and making an Issue in Nucha, appello Morbum *Oculum Bovinum*, sive *Oculi Hydropem*: If these Observations are acceptable to you, you may command more of a like nature from.

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Your very humble

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Servant

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